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GREENBRIAR VARIANCE REQUEST CONTESTED AT COUNTY HEARING

by Jim O'Sullivan

Opponents of a variance for the Greenbriar project which would allow the construction of Building No. 17 in violation of the 70 percent green space requirement turned out in force at a hearing before the County Board of Appeals on Monday night. Four city councilmen (Mayor Richard Pilski was absent), and city manager James K. Giese, were present to oppose the request by Greenbriar developer, Alan Kay.

The city's legal argument was presented by city solicitor Emmett Nanna. Also appearing in opposition to the variance were Rhea Cohen on behalf of the Prince George's Environment Coalition and Thomas White, speaking for the Greenbelt Save Our Community Committee. County councilman Francis W. White, in a letter read into the record by his administrative assistant, John Lally, also opposed the variance.

Upon the conclusion of some 2½ hours of testimony the Board of Appeals, made up of Chairman Ralph I. Sonntag, Raymond Krasnick, and Callie Mae Heffron, took the case under advisement. A decision may be forthcoming within a week.

Developer's Case

Citing "peculiar and unusual practical difficulties" brought on by the delay of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in completing its Western Branch plant, and by the unusual wishbone shape of the Greenbriar site, George Brugger, attorney for the developer, argued that the board should grant a variance.

With Brugger feeding him the questions, Kay recapped his history of the Greenbriar project, at one point declaring "There has been nothing normal about the Greenbriar project from its inception." Kay said that WSSC had failed to keep its timetables on plant expansion while he had gone ahead on the project, counting on the completion.

The second part of the Greenbriar argument was based on the topography of the site. The contention was that there was limited access to the site and that if Building 17 were to be constructed later it would cause great inconvenience to the residents there in terms of dirt, noise, and heavy construction equipment traffic.

Kay also cited the additional costs that would be involved if Building 17, a five segment complex with 70 apartment units near the future elementary school site, were to be built later. His estimate was at least a 20 percent increase in cost. Kay also claimed that the construction loan of \$25 million from Manhattan Savings Bank required the completion of all 1,193 units.

Minimizing the extent of the variance request, Brugger declared that it would involve only 24,748 sq. ft., or 1.53% of 1 of 3 parcels comprising the project. He added that three of the segments of the five segment Building 17 could be constructed without breaching the green space requirement but, as a practical matter, this could not be accomplished because the buildings share common walls and facilities. Brugger also speculated that with the expected completion of the Western Branch in early 1975, the open space requirement would be violated for only a short period of time.

City Takes Firm Stand

But the representatives of the city were not ready to accept such minimizing. Councilman Richard Castaldi, in rebuttal, declared that 70% green space was to be regarded as a minimum need, and that a violation was still a violation, whether it was for a week or a year.

Castaldi also pointed out that by the developer's own testimony, WSSC estimates were unreliable.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld, acting as mayor pro-tem, said that the Greenbelt city council was on record as being opposed to any violation of green space. Weidenfeld said that for two years the city had been given assurances that no violation of green space would occur. He added that the city relied on those assurances and that the developer should not be allowed to withdraw two years of assurances simply for his own convenience.

Other Opponents

Rhea Cohen, representing Prince Georges Environment Coalition, argued that the requested variance was unnecessary and unethical. She said that the applicant's plea for action to preserve his financing "is a time-worn ploy which has no bearing on the zoning question." She thought it was improper for the Board of Appeals to exercise concern over the financial condition of Kay.

Thomas White, appearing on behalf of SOCC said that no hardship could be demonstrated in this case because at no point while securing permits and amendments to the site plan did the applicant plead hardship to removal of Building 17. "As a matter of fact," White continued, "it was due to removal of Building 17 that he secured the permits and approval of amendments of the site plan."

According to the law, a variance may be granted by reason of exceptional topographical conditions (such as peculiar shape of parcel) or other extraordinary situations that would result in undue hardship for the owner.

County Councilman Francis W. White, who on January 29 had voted yes on the resolution which revised the site plan to show a temporary sewage treatment plant, sent a letter which concluded, "I believe the interests of the citizens of Greenbelt would best be served by denial of Special Exception 2469 by the Board of Appeals." In his letter White also declared, "It is my hope that the Board will interpret the green space requirements so as to conform with the District Council's desire to restrict construction of Building No. 17."

The county council in its January 29 resolution which revised the site plan to show a temporary sewage treatment plant, also prohibited the construction of Building 17, since to do so with the sewage plant also on that parcel would violate the 70 percent green space requirement. The resolution seemed to leave a loophole, however, when it stated that the construction of Building No. 17 would be restricted "until the treatment plant is removed or the question concerning green space requirement is otherwise resolved." The "otherwise resolved" phrase is what the Board of Appeals meeting was all about.

NOTICE

Mon., Feb. 18, is a legal holiday, and the regularly scheduled city council meeting has, therefore, been postponed to Mon., Feb. 25.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Feb. 14, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
7:45 p.m. Greenbelt Woman's Club meeting, Library meeting room
Sat., Feb. 16, 10-12 Little League Registration, Youth Center
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bloodmobile. Greenbelt Armory
Wed., Feb. 20, 8:30 p.m. Greenbelt Homemakers meeting 35-K Ridge Rd.

Excerpts From NASA Report

In its original announcement of July 26, 1973 that it was not granting an easement to Greenbriar Associates, NASA listed among the reasons (1) that it was not satisfied that the plan would not cause noxious odors and (2) that it was concerned with the aesthetic appearance of the plant.

The Environmental Impact Statement issued last week made the following references to these issues:

"G. Odor"

"Dr. Cookson (technical director to Greenbriar Associates) has stated that there will be no wind-blown odor emanating from the sewage treatment plant. Dr. Cookson explains:

"Odor production in wastewater treatment plants results from septic sewage and biological processes which utilize anaerobic organisms. At Greenbriar the sewer lines are very short compared to municipal systems. Therefore, the sewage will not become septic before reaching the treatment plant. Once in the treatment plant, all biological processes are aerobic systems. Sludge storage tanks will also receive continuous aeration to prevent septic odor producing conditions. No sludge will be disposed of at the Greenbriar site."

"There is an auxiliary blower to oxygenate the sewage, and a standby generator, as safety devices which would prevent the sewage from becoming septic should the blower or power supply fail."

"Since the presence of odors was one of GSFC's chief concerns the matter was investigated by Dr. R. J. Schoenberger, P.E., GSFC's technical consultant. His conclusion is that with proper operation the possibility of unpleasant odors would be minimal."

"The possibility of odors was further investigated by Goddard's Environmental Protection Specialist who visited similar sewage treatment facilities in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Landover Mall, Landover, Maryland. His conclusion was that no noxious odors would

NASA Approves Easement For Greenbriar Piping

by Al Skolnik

"GSFC has decided that upon the developers obtaining an EPA permit, the easement can be granted." With these words, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced last week that the request of the Greenbriar developer for a temporary easement across Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) property will not be held up any longer.

The easement has been requested by Greenbriar Associates, developer of the 1,193-unit apartment complex, so that an 8-inch cast iron pipe, at a depth of approximately 3 feet, could be laid 150 feet across GSFC property to convey treated sewage effluent to a discharge point on an unnamed tributary of Beaver Dam Creek also on GSFC property. The treated effluent will be coming from an on-site temporary private treatment plant being constructed on the northern apex of the triangular Green-

briar parcel located east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The on-site treatment plant is required in order to permit Greenbriar occupancy during a State-imposed moratorium which prohibits new sewer connections from being made into the existing Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission system. The proposed treatment plant would operate until the permanent Western Branch treatment plant is upgraded and has the capability of treating this additional sewage — presumably in 1975. At that point, Greenbriar would hook up to the public sewage system, the on-site plant would be dismantled, and the easement terminated.

Changes Position

NASA had initially advised Greenbriar Associates on July 26, 1973 that it could not grant the easement at that time, but it would reconsider if certain conditions were met. These were primarily that the effluent be established to comply with Federal and State discharge requirements and that a discharge permit be obtained. NASA had also expressed concern about noxious odors and the aesthetic appearance of the plant.

NASA noted last week that the applicable State permits for construction of the plant and for discharge of the effluent have now been issued and that an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) discharge permit is being processed, pursuant to section 402 of the Water Pollution Control Act of 1972.

Wants Comments by April 1

To support its latest decision, NASA released an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and asked for comments by April 1, 1974. The agency stated that it has attempted to maintain an impartial position in this matter and has been wholly guided by the necessity to reach a responsible and fair decision.

Noting that the primary environmental effect will be that resulting from discharge of the effluent from the sewage treatment plant upon the stream, the EIS concluded that the effluent appears to meet all applicable Federal, State and local standards and is expected to have no significant impact upon the stream.

Effect Upon Stream

In reaching its conclusion, the EIS held that "the treated water is expected to be of high quality and the plant will be equipped with safeguards to preclude the discharge of low-quality effluent." The EIS supported the claims of the developer and the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that the proposed plant will yield an effluent of a higher quality than the stream so that degradation of the water cannot take place unless there is a complete operational breakdown.

The EIS also accepted the State position that nitrogen removal is not essential to prevent eutrophication (increased algae growth) of the receiving stream.

The EIS agreed with the developer that neither the salt content nor the phosphorus level will be high enough to represent a danger to plant or aquatic life and that the discharge flow will not represent a sufficient alteration to cause the stream to overflow its banks, cut a wider channel or endanger the roots of trees.

No Odors

With respect to the original concerns of NASA regarding noxious odors the EIS reported that NASA's independent technical consultant advised that with proper operation the possibility of unpleasant odors would be minimal. Goddard's environmental specialist after visiting similar sewage treatment facilities GREENBRIAR, page 8, col. 1

result from the operation of the Greenbriar Sewage Treatment Plant.

H. Esthetics

"The plans for the Greenbriar STP have considered esthetics. The plant will be screened by trees and low shrubs. The side facing the apartments will not be covered, because the existing trees could not grow high enough to make an effective screen within the maximum anticipated lifetime of the plant. The developer has, however, agreed to plant a screen of trees along the GSFC fence line. The ground will be sodded and seeded. A chain link fence will be erected to prevent entry by people or pets. The plant itself will consist of blue metal buildings. The tanks will be steel."

Labor Day Festival Comm. To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Library, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. All organizations are urged to send a representative. Highlights of the meeting will be plans for Labor Day, budget approval, by-laws changes, and election of officers. Nominations to the board are open to all Greenbelt residents interested in serving their community. Ten board members will be elected for various offices and committee chairmen.

Refer all nominations to Myrna Burchick, 474-6587.

GHI Fuel Oil Box Score

GHI's fuel oil bill for the month of January 1974 was \$104,920, representing 16.2 percent of the entire amount of \$647,189 budgeted for the whole year 1974. The amount of oil purchased in January usually equals about 15 percent of the year's purchase, though this percentage varies depending upon the weather. The number of gallons purchased in January 1974 was just about the same as the number in January 1973, but the price per gallon in 1974 was 2½ times as much.

	Gallons purchased	Average cost per gallon	Amount spent	Amount budgeted
Jan. 1973	310,075	13.08c	\$40,546	
Feb. 1973	315,816	14.17	44,762	
Mar. 1973	273,498	14.15	38,700	
Apr. 1973	185,544	14.16	26,274	
May 1973	107,628	14.15	15,225	
Jun. 1973	102,313	22.67	23,197	
Jul. 1973	49,581	22.65	11,232	
Aug. 1973	11,209	23.45	2,628	
Sep. 1973	36,886	23.65	8,723	
Oct. 1973	125,843	23.72	29,851	
Nov. 1973	232,593	27.82	64,713	
Dec. 1973	276,813	30.48	84,368	
Total, 1973	\$2,027,799		\$390,219	\$322,041
Jan. 1974	310,450	33.80c	\$104,920	

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Fallacies and Fishing Trips

To the Editor:

The Manager of GHI has answered those statements made by Mrs. Hutzler in the News Review of February 7 insofar as they pertain to errors in actual figures. I would like to call the attention of your readers to some other fallacies.

Mrs. Hutzler states that the Cre-sap, McCormick and Paget Report says long-term capital improvement funds have been invested in short-term projects. She conveniently omits a description of what that firm means by "short-term." Immediately following her quotation, the report says, "The funds are repayable over a ten-year period. Much of this work, such as replacement of heating and hot water piping, may have a shorter life," (bold face mine).

A reading of the minutes of the Special Membership Meeting of December 18, 1968, will show that the Capital Improvements plans were explained to the members, in writing before the meeting, and by Board members at the meeting. The membership authorized such replacements to come from funds of the Capital Improvements Program.

Mrs. Hutzler has shown clearly in many communications that she does not understand double entry bookkeeping. She looks at the assets side of GHI financial statements and decides we are rich but she doesn't look at the liabilities side to see that much of this money is accounted for in items either presently owed by the corporation or payable before another budget is approved and charges to members are set for another year.

For several years our staff has spent hours at a time doing research to answer charges Mrs. Hutzler has made in her fishing expeditions. Some of these have required a search of records several years old, as in last week's letter which goes back to 1966. The answer to all of these charges would have been apparent from our financial statements to a reasonable person who had had a year of high school bookkeeping. Perhaps it would be worthwhile for GHI members to take up a collection to pay for a course in double entry bookkeeping for Mrs. Hutzler so that our staff can spend their time doing the work they are paid for. I'll gladly contribute \$5.00 if Mrs. Hutzler can be persuaded to take such a course of study.

Janet M. James

THANKS

To the Editor:

The family of Father Joseph T. Haslinger is deeply grateful to their friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and many kindnesses during the past weeks. It is comforting to know that so many people care.

Haslinger Family

Morris Fisher

Morris Fisher, age 87, died on February 10 after a long illness. Residing in the Greenbelt Convalescent Home for several years, he formerly lived with his daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Wagner, 3-C Crescent.

Born in Russia, Mr. Fisher came to the United States in 1925. A diamond cutter, he was fluent in languages and a Talmadic scholar. Mr. Fisher was a devoted member of the Mishkan Torah.

He is survived by daughters Marion Lipton of Illinois, Esther Gieser of Ohio and a son, David Fisher, formerly of Greenbelt and now a resident of Israel, 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

More Corrections

To the Editor:

Mr. Breashears refuted all but one of the charges made by Mrs. Hutzler in her letter of last week. That one dealt with the alleged circumvention by the board of directors of Article 8, section 8 of the GHI bylaws in the authorization of construction of the townhouses.

Apart from the substance of the charge, would you believe three errors in connection with it?

First, Mrs. Hutzler misquoted the bylaws provision. Second, townhouse construction was authorized in 1966, not 1969. Third, she accused "a majority of this present Board" of the alleged dereliction. Only three of the present nine-member board were members in 1969, the same trio in 1966. Three is not a majority of nine.

As to the substance, the board did disclose in 1966 "... full details of the proposed expenditure(s), including the initial and subsequent annual costs to the Corporation and increased monthly charges to each member ..." Subsequently, the membership in a referendum voted by a ratio of 3 - 2 to authorize the program.

Charles F. Schwan

Take Care With Proxy

To the Editor:

Twin Pines is, first and foremost, a savings and loan association. As such, Twin Pines must abide by all State laws and regulations. One fundamental duty of the Twin Pines Board of Directors is to keep Twin Pines in good standing with MSSIC, the Maryland deposit insurance corporation.

However, there are no laws or regulations that preclude membership control. When proxies are given to the board of directors to vote as they see fit, control of Twin Pines resides in the hands of the Board majority. This may be as few as four men who may or may not be interested in retaining membership control. Any board person who controls a large number of proxies has a concentration of power that jeopardizes meaningful democratic control for the life of the proxy.

If you are interested in keeping responsible membership control of Twin Pines, come to the annual membership meeting on Feb. 26, 8 p.m. at the City Municipal Building. Vote for those persons who best represent your interests. If you cannot come yourself and still wish to vote your choice, you can sign a proxy form available at the Twin Pines office to be voted by George R. Jones or John S. Webb. We urge you to write your list of candidates on the form so that your vote can be correctly cast. If you wish more information, call George Jones at 474-6001 or John Webb at 474-6890.

George R. Jones
John S. Webb

Twin Pines Election

To the Editor:

The Supervisory Committee of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association has been requested to clarify several voting procedures for the upcoming Twin Pines election:

1. Proxies must be turned in at least five days before the February 26 Annual Meeting (on or before February 21).

2. Members will vote to fill 3 seats on the Board of Directors, 1 on the Supervisory Committee, and 2 on the Nominating Committee. (The two leading unsuccessful candidates for each office shall be the first and second alternates for one year.)

Muriel Weidenfeld,
Chairperson,
Supervisory Committee,
Twin Pines S. & L. Ass'n.

Suggests CARES Referendum

To the Editor:

The real question concerning the Greenbelt CARES is not whether we need or want such an organization but whether the city taxpayers can afford it. The answer is an emphatic NO!

Greenbelt is primarily a community of low and middle income families who are currently hard pressed to just pay their own essential expenses such as rent/mortgage, food, clothing, transportation and medical bills. Why should these families be asked to pay increased property taxes to support a municipal social service which would benefit less than 100 persons, some of them non-residents?

According to the News Review, 78% of the responses on this question were positive, i.e. yes. Bear in mind that 60% of our population are apartment dwellers, a transient group, who do not pay as much in property taxes as homeowners. Homeowners also pay income taxes but this program is to be funded by property taxes.

Every small special interest group in Greenbelt is trying to tap the till. First it was an indoor pool, then lighted tennis courts, tax-paid babysitting and now free tax-funded experimental social services.

I suggest that the funding of Greenbelt CARES, just as the indoor pool, be put to a referendum. Let the taxpayer be heard loud and clear.

Viola L. Keer

Not an O. J. Simpson

To the Editor:

It was flattering to read the excellent news account about Greenbelt CARES by Sandra Barnes in your Feb. 7, issue. However, where the article compared me with O. J. Simpson, the football superstar, I feel I must take issue with the implication that my team is "ordinary" or "mediocre." While I am proud of whatever achievements I may have achieved in my professional field, my colleagues at Greenbelt CARES, all of them, are people of whom I am proud and with whom I am pleased to be associated. The Greenbelt CARES program is not based on one person, it is based on the whole group of people, none of whom is ordinary or mediocre.

It is important also to note that such a team is not easily assembled. A major reason for the quality of this team is the setting. Greenbelt has from its beginning in the 1930's not been ordinary nor mediocre itself. Greenbelt earns and deserves good services and we are proud, all of us, to be a part of Greenbelt CARES in Greenbelt. We see ourselves as just a continuation of the proud tradition of this good, fine city that Greenbelt has always been.

Leopold O. Walder
Technical Director of Greenbelt CARES and President of Behavior Service Consultants, Inc.

Mishkan Torah Speaker

Dr. Harold Weiner, psychologist, will speak about "Behavior Therapy With Adults" on Sun., Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Mishkan Torah. Director of Research and Chief of the Behavior Analysis and Therapy Section at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Dr. Weiner is also a clinical professor at George Washington University. The lecture is free to the public.

Shaw-Fink

The Reverend and Mrs. Winslow Drummond Shaw of Annapolis announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Barbara Russell Shaw, to Mr. Thomas Bell Fink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fink of Greenbelt.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Russell Sage College and received her masters degree from the University of Maryland. She teaches in the Montgomery County school system.

Mr. Fink is a graduate of the University of Maryland and is a Community Director with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

A May wedding is planned.

Unwarranted Delay

Perhaps with the passing of the resolution by the Prince George's County council approving the revised site plan and the granting of a sewer permit authorizing an on-site interim sewage treatment plant such groups as the Greenbelt City Council, the Greenbelt Save Our Community Committee and the Prince Georges Environmental Coalition will realize that Greenbriar will become a reality and a much needed addition to our community.

Greenbelt is faced with a deterioration and blight that is gradually destroying "Old Greenbelt" - and if the City Council, the Greenbelt Save Our Community and the Prince Georges Environmental Coalition will now direct their efforts to correct that blight and deterioration, Greenbelt will indeed be what it once was in the past and the way of life once had will be preserved.

Yes, those groups would do well to redirect their efforts and not pursue further efforts that would further delay the completion of Greenbriar.

Furthermore, Councilman Thomas X. White should realize that any housing development not only includes facilities but support facilities as well. For instance, where would Greenbelt Homes be if part of the land wasn't devoted to heating facilities? For instance, how many residents of the county live next door to such things as plants generating electricity or power substations, or water treatment plants, or telephone sub-stations? Also, you do not hear those residents objecting to those installations!

Yes - the arguments of Legislative Officer Lionell Lockhart were well founded! Any further unwarranted delays would be vicious impositions upon the developer!

Ben A. Hogensen

Deplores Fallen Trees

To the Editor:

While walking around the lake last week, my wife and I noticed the plethora of trees that were felled by storms or other means. The area is in a deplorable condition.

Now that the time of year for planting is fast approaching, I think the city and the people of Greenbelt can help in beautifying the area.

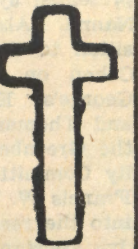
The city can send a crew to cut the fallen trees (there are plenty of them) and either give the wood away or sell it. What with people looking for firewood, I'm sure that we can get rid of ours in short order.

Once this is accomplished, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Bluebirds, religious and civic organizations and just plain citizens can plant seedlings and help keep the lake as it was thirty years ago.

Help our grandchildren enjoy the beauties of Greenbelt.

Name Withheld

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Greenbelt Schools

Parkdale Senior High School

(The following article is the first of a series on schools serving the Greenbelt community.)

by Elaine Skolnik

Nestled in a valley south of Greenbelt Regional Park is Parkdale, second largest of 18 senior high schools in Prince Georges County. Parkdale serves all geographic areas of Greenbelt. Greenbelters comprise about one-fifth of Parkdale's 2,396 student body. The enrollment, some 9% over last year, is 30 students above the school's pupil capacity.

Parkdale offers a broad curriculum and a full student activities program. No different from any other senior high, the school must cope with such problems as drugs, thefts and discipline. County Board of Education security officials state that Parkdale's administrators, with the cooperation of the student body, have tackled the problems with much success, resulting in the reduction of incidents in many areas.

Dr. G. Allen Sager, principal, told the News Review "the administration and staff of Parkdale are committed to providing the very best education for students. Our goal is to prepare them for tomorrow's world."

Special Courses

While required to take basic math, science and English programs, the student in a school as large as Parkdale has more of an opportunity to find courses of special interest. For example, the visual audio-aids program which has been offered for several years, enables students to study creative film making and prepare color slides and films. A more recent innovation is a program in sign language taught by a teacher who is deaf. Dr. Sager said, "There has been a good deal of interest in this program. It helps students empathize with persons having special needs as well as helping them acquire skills in communicating with the deaf."

Parkdale has a growing cooperative vocational education program staffed by three full-time teachers. The work-study program has 150 participants.

Innovations

New on the scene is a professional internship program for top college-bound seniors who have already chosen a profession. Students are released part of the day to serve in offices of doctors, lawyers, architects, etc.

Parkdale's home economics and vocational education courses are now enjoyed by both girls and boys. Bachelor living and co-ed seminars are some of the latest offerings.

For a number of courses, selection will be on a semester rather than an annual or quarter basis. A student, for example, could select a history class for September through January and replace it with a science course for the remainder of the school year.

Parkdale's quarter English program, which enabled students to switch teachers and select four mini-courses will be replaced by the semester system. Instead of making changes four times during the school year, a student will choose two semester courses from a list of about 45 English topics. This will eliminate a heavy administrative burden on the staff.

Security

Concerning problems such as drugs, fights, thefts and racial incidents, a spokesman for the Board's security office observed that their office "finds nothing in excess at Parkdale" as compared to other senior high schools. Norman Tepper of the security office credits the school's popular full-time security counselor, Corsine Kayanan, affectionately known as "Mr. K." or "Hawaii 5-0" and his newly-formed 200 student-member security council as having a "tremendous effect" in the area of prevention.

Patrolling of the school and its grounds by students, who each volunteer one period a week, has drastically cut Parkdale's major problem - thefts of school property and personal belongings of students. This process has been especially successful in reducing the number of break-ins of cars on the parking lot - only two in the last two months. Equipped with walkie-talkies, students on the lot immediately

report anything of a suspicious nature to "Mr. K."

Students are not policemen - they act as a deterrent. For example, anyone spotted out of class may be asked for an ID card, and if the person is not a Parkdale student, he or she will be requested to report to the office. Members are urged to report incidents to "Mr. K." so that appropriate action will be taken.

The council is concerned with anything that harms Parkdale, and members hope to encourage more interest in and respect for their school. It is the lack of these qualities that contribute to disruptive behavior. Other schools in the county are planning to adopt Parkdale's security program.

Drug Problem

"We view the presence of drugs in any amount as too much," Dr. Sager said. Educational films and programs are provided, and students requesting help are referred to the appropriate counselor. If a student is found to be under the influence of drugs by a teacher or an administrator, the procedure is for the student to be sent to the nurse's station and the parent called to the school.

Tepper said that one of the difficulties in handling these cases is the "reluctance of parents to believe that their children have smoked marijuana or dispensed drugs." The security office works in concert with the schools, police departments and community agencies in an effort to alleviate and seek solutions to the problem. In this respect, both Tepper and Dr. Sager would welcome more involvement and awareness on the part of the parents and community.

Out and out fighting in the school is rare. It happens on an average of not more than once a month.

Desegregation

The aftermath of the desegregation of county schools in January 1973 caused minimal upsets at Parkdale which now has an enrollment of 16% blacks. Dr. Sager credits the relatively smooth transition to participants on special committees, parents, staff and the effort by students to work together. He does not anticipate any further shifting of students until the scheduled opening of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School in Greenbelt in 1975.

Parents Wanted

Dr. Sager encourages parents to become more familiar with the school's programs and educational processes and to participate actively in the PTSA meetings. He welcomes questions and suggestions. Parent helpers are needed to handle clerical and typing duties especially in the attendance office and library.

Potpourri

Parkdale has the only symphony orchestra in the county, and a newly formed handbell group a first of its kind . . . The school's athletic prowess has been given county and state recognition . . . A unique feature of the student council is that members earn academic credit by meeting one period each day with their advisor to discuss goals, programs, parliamentary procedure, etc. . . . An activity bus is in operation four days a week leaving the school at 5 p.m. . . . Students, teachers and staff members are working together to try to save energy. Students are urged not to drive cars to school . . . Professional staff includes 3 vice-principals, administrative assistant, 115 teachers, 7 guidance counselors, librarian, teacher's education coordinator and many part-time resource and supporting service personnel.

SAVE FUEL

Greenbelt Grab-bag

The man from Internal Revenue looked at me coldly. "You failed to report income of \$240,000" he accused.

I shook my head vigorously, "Of course not," I answered "I would have been happy with an income of one tenth that much."

The IRS man never took his steely eyes off me. "According to our computer, your return is incorrect, and you owe \$87,000 in back taxes, plus \$32,000 penalty, \$4,800 interest, and \$1.57 in sales tax."

I felt bewildered. "\$1.57 in sales tax?" I asked,

"Wait a minute," he said, "I believe the computer made a mistake. That's only \$1.54 in sales tax. Which makes a grand total of \$123,901.54. May I have your check, please."

"Where would I get that kind of money," I wailed, "Besides, don't you see, your computer made a mistake!"

"If you don't have the money, you will go to jail," he stated. "Your sentence is 43 years. This is a recording. Beep."

To my horror, I saw that he was a computer himself, "I want to talk to a real person!" I cried piteously, as I was dragged off in chains. And then I woke up, my sheets tangled about me. What a nightmare!

But not much more of a nightmare than what people endure awake every day. Just mention computers at a party, and you will be grabbed by a half a dozen people who will pour into your ears the story of what Department store A did on their bill, and how firm B kept sending unsolicited merchandise, and how they couldn't get an answer from Company C. The funny thing is, none of the mistakes ever seem to be in their favor.

Computers, of course are useful. After all, how could I have added up the figures in paragraph 3 without my handy dandy desk model. You will be told that computers don't make mistakes, it's the people that program them. Don't you believe that for one minute. Some of my best "friends" are programmers, and they hardly make any mistakes at all. Those machines have a mind of their own, that's all.

Take the fuel shortage, for instance. First they said that Maryland would get an extra allocation, and then it seemed that the computer had made a mistake and here we are out in the cold again.

Speaking of the cold, just the other day I was watching the weather man on TV. I looked at the weather map behind him. Snow was converging on us from all sides, and my untrained eyes could see that a blizzard was imminent. But the weather man assured us that there would be at most one inch, and that not until late the next afternoon. You know what happened, of course. The white stuff started coming down by 7 a.m. and never stopped until we were half buried. And you know what the weather people said? They were going by the computer and it would have taken two days for the computer to have given a complete answer! You can do better than that with a Ouija board.

One other good thing about computers: If you have one and make a mistake, you can always say, "It isn't my fault, the computer goofed." But I sincerely hope that their use is restricted to this world. Just think what it would be like to be told at the Pearly Gates, "The computer says that you have committed three murders, been involved in two burglaries, and are guilty of four counts of mail fraud." And next thing you know, you find yourself plummeting down and feel a pitchfork in your, er., ankle bone. Makes you feel warm all over, doesn't it?



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Due to the Washington Birthday holiday on Monday, February 18, there will be no refuse collection on that day. Residents who normally receive refuse service on Monday will receive trash collection on Tuesday. Similarly, those residents who receive collection on Tuesday will receive it on Wednesday instead and the Wednesday paper collection will be eliminated for next week only.

Normal collection service will resume with paper collection on Thursday and regularly scheduled trash collections on Friday and Saturday.

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To Members of TWIN PINES SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION - ISN'T IT STRANGE?

- That the Nominating Committee (whose business had been completed over a month ago) suddenly met at the last minute to reopen nominations?
- That Bruce Bowman's biography was lost overnight - just before publication deadline? (See it below in more detail)
- That something as simple as a proxy form had to be written three times, followed by an instruction sheet, and it is still unintelligible? (Ask for the alternate form, not the card).
- That the board majority threatens to charge \$35 to the members for a GHI appraisal? (Presently done gratis.)
- That the board majority introduced the massive use of proxies which impeded the democratic process?
- That after 16 years of "one member, one vote" we have to push proxies in order to save membership control?

BRUCE BOWMAN - Petition Candidate for the Board

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Antioch College - Graduate, alumnae representative for recruiting students, Assistant Professor.

Other Organizations: Greenbelt CARES (board member, volunteer), Baltimore Symphony Society of P.G. Co. (treasurer), ACLU, Common Cause, GCS Congress.

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CITY NOTES

City Manager James Giese was a panelist at a program of the National Conference on Managing Solid Waste which was held in Arlington, Va. on Jan. 28 and 29. Giese was on the panel to explain Greenbelt's paper recycling. The conference was sponsored jointly by the International City Management Association and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The general crew installed the concrete benches they had repaired. These were placed on the walkway between the city offices and Suburban Trust bank. Litter baskets have been installed in the Center Mall.

Old appliances were picked up and disposed of by the special details crew. After the snow they cleaned debris from city roadsides.

The parks crew has been cleaning leaves from city parks and playgrounds. They picked up paper and other debris from the city right-of-way and spread chips around playground equipment. Also dead trees were removed from the Springhill Lake golf course.

In addition to the snow removal last week the general crew cleaned storm sewers and aided the refuse crew.

An accident involving a city refuse truck occurred on Rosewood Drive during the snowstorm. The brakes on the truck slipped and the truck hit two parked cars.

5,670 lbs of glass was crushed and taken to Baltimore for recycling. (Crushed glass is separated according to color. Plain white glass is spread on the bottom of the truck and the rest is sorted according to color and each color put in a separate barrel which is placed on top of the plain glass for transporting.)

Eleven and a half tons of paper was also recycled.

Authors' Panel Features Five Greenbelters

An Authors' Roundtable, sponsored by the Adult and Young Adult Departments of the Library, will take place Thurs. Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room. A panel of authors will discuss various aspects of the writing profession, from inspiration to publication.

Thomas Monteleone has written stories for *Amazing Science Fiction* magazine. He has also contributed the story "Chicago" to the book *Future City*.

John Kendrick, formerly an Information Officer at the National Institute of Health is a free-lance writer of historical articles.

Catharine Marsden has written stories and articles for children's magazines. She is the author of *The Secret Elephants*.

Judith O'Sullivan is author of *Art of the Comic Strip*, a catalog to an exhibit circulated by the Smithsonian Institution, published by the University of Maryland Press, 1971.

Albert Herling is author of *Soviet Slave Empire, 1951*; a study of forced labor in Eastern Europe; plus numerous articles in a wide variety of publications on forced labor, slavery, labor relations and consumer problems. Herling will act as moderator.

Audience questions and comments are invited. Admission is free.

Annual Marathon Run

The 13th Annual Washington's Birthday Marathon will be held on Sun., Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. on a certified 3 loop course on the U.S. Agricultural Farm. The race starts and stops at the log cabin near Research Road between Beaver Dam and Powder Mill Roads. The Greenbelt JAYCEES are sponsoring this long distance race to promote physical fitness.

The course record was set last year by Marshall Adams of the North Carolina Track Club in 2:24:17.8 when he defeated almost 200 runners. Thirty five prizes will be awarded in the marathon. A 3 mile event for joggers and runners will start at 11 a.m. Commemorative ribbons will be awarded to the first 100 finishers. The Greenbelt Recreation Dept. is co-sponsoring this event as part of its program to encourage jogging.

Recreation Review

VALENTINE DANCE

Kava will hold a dance, in the Youth Center gym, on Sat., Feb. 16, 8-11 p.m. Playing for the dance will be 'Prelude' a four piece rock band. All teens are invited to attend. A minimal fee will be charged at the door.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

There will be a meeting of all women, 18 and over, interested in playing softball this summer. The meeting will be held in the Youth Center conference room on Wed. Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Women interested in playing are invited to attend.

GARDEN DESIGN CLASS

There are still openings in this session. Classes will start on Thurs. Feb. 21, at the Youth Center from 1-3 p.m. with babysitting. For information contact Joanne Volk, 474-2406 or the Rec. Dept. 474-6878.

Scout Troop 746

Boy Scout Troop 746, will celebrate Boy Scout month by investing three scouts with the rank of Eagle. This troop has had a total of 12 Eagle scouts in its history, but never before have three boys qualified for scouting's highest honor at the same time.

The three boys who earned the Eagle rank, all from Greenbelt, are: Mark Hanyok, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanyok; Hoyt Matthai, 18, son of Mrs. Ruth Dee; and Timothy Moore, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Moore. Both Mark and Hoyt are freshmen at Prince Georges Community College, while Timothy is a ninth grade student at Mary Bethune Junior High School.

A special Eagle Court of Honor will be held by Troop 746 on Fri., Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. at the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church. The church is the sponsoring institution for the troop. The speaker will be Mayor Richard Pilski. The public is invited.

Cub Scout Pack 746

Cub Pack 746 held its annual Genius Night in November and its Christmas Meeting in December. Genius Night creations were varied and included robots, river boats, carnival games, lunar landers, air balloons and mysterious totems.

The awards presented at these meetings were: Travis Don Bullian, Artist, Athlete, Craftsman, Naturalist and Showman badges and Denner patch; Danny Petroff, a two year pin, Bear badge, three silver and one gold arrow point, Aquanaut badge and Ass't Denner patch; Scott Hicks, Athlete badge, Mrs. Virginia Hunt, Den Leader Coach patch; Chris Hunt, Bear badge, one gold arrow point, Artist, Athlete, Citizen, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Scholar, Showman and Traveler badges; Lynn England, Craftsman badge; Lyle Rice, Naturalist and Artist badge; Anatole Sucher, Geologist badge; Lane Folk and Chuck Hiep, Wolf badge, and Mike Van Deusen, Ass't Denner Patch. In addition, the following boys were awarded badges at the Bobcat initiation ceremony: Anatole Sucher, Joseph Ross, Billy Leckliter, Mike Van Deusen, Travis Moss, Doug Haynes, Mark Neupert, Gibson Don Bullian, Ira Krawitz and John Jordan.

Woman's Club

A combination 33 year Birthday-Valentine Party will be celebrated by the Greenbelt Woman's Club Thurs., Feb. 14, in the library meeting room at 7:45 p.m. The public is invited. Honored guests will be the district officers of the Federation.

Dr. Donald Messersmith, of the University of Maryland Entomology Dept. will talk on "Birds like Insects" with film slides.

SIGN UP FOR LITTLE LEAGUE

Boys ages 8 to 12 may register for Little League baseball at the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon Sat., Feb. 16, 23 and March 2. Each boy should bring a copy of his birth certificate. Active league members are not required to reregister. Adults interested in coaching are invited.

Van Valkenburgh Named Outstanding City Employee

At the annual City Employee Awards Banquet held on Feb. 9, Police Sgt. Thomas Van Valkenburgh was presented the city's Outstanding City Employee Award. "Sgt. Tom," as he is known to many school children and parents, has been with the city since 1966 when he began his police career as a patrolman. He has served as school Safety Officer for many years and has received 18 commendations from citizens, school principals, the City Council and Chief Lane.

In presenting the award, Mayor Richard Pilski noted that in addition to his police duties Van Valkenburgh has been an active participant in a variety of civic and community activities. He directs a youth drum corps, has organized youth sports activities and was Santa Claus for the children of the fire victims in Springhill Lake a year ago.

Nominated by a fellow employee, Sgt. Van Valkenburgh was presented with an engraved plaque and a \$100 savings bond. Van Valkenburgh resides on Ridge Road with his wife, Carole, and three children.

Boys-Girls Club News

Fund Raising Drive - The Boys and Girls Club will start its fund raising drive this week to help pay for the sports program this year. The Club will receive 70 percent of the monies paid for the tickets sold by the youth and each boy and girl will also be competing for prizes. The tickets will give a discounted price on a Shakey Pizza.

Coaches and assistants are needed for the boys' baseball and girls' softball programs. Contact Mel Kent, 474-8851, or Fred Ford, 474-8343.

The basketball teams are still playing at the Youth Center on Tues. and Thurs. starting at 6 p.m. and Sat. at 11 a.m. The Intermural teams will be playing their games Sat. mornings at the St. Hugh's gym.

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Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will meet Wed., Feb. 20, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Martha Sinden, 35-K Ridge Road. The topic for discussion will be "The Good Earth." Visitors wishing to attend and wanting information should contact Sue Soule, 474-0881.

Our Neighbors

George Aulisio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Aulisio, 2-B Northway, graduated from New Mexico Tech with a B.S. degree and High Honors. His field is Mining Engineering.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Evelyn Wagner and family, 3-C Crescent on the death of her father.

Greenbelter Jeff Tilson has joined the Altobelli Real Estate firm as a sales associate.

Brian McCagh of Greenbelt has been named an administrative resident at Prince Georges General Hospital in Cheverly. A graduate of Wheeling College in West Virginia, McCagh is a graduate student in Health Care Administration at the George Washington University where he is working on his master's degree. He recently completed a four-year tour in Germany as a Medical Service Corps Officer.

Congratulations to Hy Gerson, of 45-D Ridge, who received a Superior Award for his outstanding performance as an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Congratulations to Wayne W. Spong, Jr. and David Spiegelthal who were chosen to perform in the American Youth Performing Band. The band will be playing at the Kennedy Center on Washington's Birthday.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry of Cherrywood Terrace. Christine Robin made her debut on Feb. 3 and weighed 6 lbs and 14 oz.

Welcome to our new neighbors who have moved in since the beginning of the year: the Robert Ackermans of 9E Research, the James Bailey's of 4F Southway, the Mark Bailey's of 8-D Plateau, the Kevin Burke's of 7-A Ridge, the Martin Haker's of 38F Ridge, the Patrick Ready's of 7-G Laurel Hill, the William Rodgers of 14-T Hillside, the William Wilde's of 6-Z 4 Plateau and the Glenn Wolfs of 48-C Ridge. We hope they will be very happy in Greenbelt.

The Parkdale Senior High School Girls Volleyball Team and Coach Sandra Serf received Certificates of Appreciation for the District I Championship from the Prince George's Board of Education on Tuesday. Congratulations girls.

SHL's "first baby of the year," Sara Eden Knight Morrison made her debut on January 2. The title brought her and parents, Richard and Pauline Morrison of Springhill Court, a raft of gifts.

Happy-birthday to Cole Lauber, 6 Greenway, who was seven years old. Cole and his friends celebrated the big event at Shakeys.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Henrietta Haslinger on the death of her son Father Joseph Haslinger.

Greenbelters were also saddened by the death of John Hanyok, 8-D Ridge. We extend our condolences to his wife Albina and children.

Birthday greetings to Joel Kastner, 123 Northway, who is now fourteen years old. Home from college for the occasion were sisters Judy and Ruth.

Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Duane Burchick, 10-K Plateau Pl., who had a daughter, Michelle Loretta, weighing in at 9 lbs. 11 oz. She joins a three year old sister Ladonna. Grandparents are the Mike Burchicks of Woodland Way.

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cilities in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Landover Mall reached the conclusion that no noxious odors would result from the operation of the Greenbriar plant, EIS also said.

The EIS apparently was much influenced by the requirement that the temporary treatment plant will be dismantled when public sewer service becomes available. "Thus," the statement said, "the Greenbriar (plant) will discharge effluent into the stream for a relatively brief period," so no long-term effects are anticipated.

Alternatives Considered

Finally, the EIS discussed the possibility of alternatives other than the granting or denying of the easement. The one given the most serious consideration was location of the plant at the site of present Western Branch facility, much as was done for the Capital Centre sports arena.

EIS saw the primary disadvantage of this alternative "the delay necessitated by obtaining the necessary amendment to the Prince Georges county Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan, and the drawing of plans and other actions necessary to the construction." It cited the developer's allegation that this would delay occupancy of the finished apartments for an unreasonable amount of time. The EIS also noted that the plant on the Greenbriar site is already partially constructed and that EPA is processing a permit for the discharge at the NASA discharge point.

The EPA earlier had indicated certain advantages to a sewage treatment plant at the Western Branch site, including close proximity to the main sewage treatment plant, reduction in handling chemicals, and elimination of dumping the effluent into the stream on GS-FC property.

Other alternatives considered were (1) discharging into stream on Greenbriar property; (2) postponement of occupancy of apartments; and (c) other methods of sewage disposal.

EIS noted that county and State authorities held that there was no free-flowing stream on Greenbriar property, so that alternative (1) was precluded. Asking the developer to wait until the moratorium is lifted, said NASA, would work a hardship on the developer and run counter to the approval of the development by State and county authorities. Other methods of sewage disposal such as a land containment system whereby the effluent would be connected with a sprinkler system on the property or deep well injection were rejected as not feasible.

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CITY COUNCIL GIVES GO AHEAD TO SHL RECREATION CENTER

by Al Skolnik

In the wake of the recent public hearing on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the city council decided on Monday, February 4, to proceed with preparation of the final architectural plans. These plans will be based on the preliminary plans submitted by Cohen, Haft, Holtz, Kerxton, Karabekir Associates and will be augmented to provide for air conditioning of the gymnasium as an alternate bid. The cost of the building is estimated at \$285,000 plus \$11,900 for air conditioning of the gym.

The city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board, while approving the action of council, suggested that it be given an opportunity to review the interior layout plans.

Disclosure Law

A proposed Maryland Senate bill requiring all city council members, regardless of salary, and all appointed officials compensated at a rate exceeding \$10,000 a year to comply with the State Financial Disclosure law drew a variety of responses from Greenbelt city councilmen. The present Financial Disclosure law applies only to State officials, though there is a provision requiring local subdivisions to enact laws of a similar nature.

The Greenbelt council has been considering passage of its own law and had not been too receptive to suggestions that the State preempt the area. The latest proposal by the State was also considered too broad in its coverage in that it would work a hardship on municipalities with part-time councilmen. Mayor Pilski wondered whether such a baring of financial information would discourage citizen participation.

Council members Tom White and Richard Castaldi, however, were inclined to believe that a disclosure law should be all encompassing. "We have to start at the local level to restore credibility in the government," Castaldi said. Weidenfeld, while taking a middle position, felt that it would be hard to draw the line as to who should be subject to the law.

The council went on record opposing a House of Delegates Bill permitting municipalities to establish parking violation bureaus but favored another bill providing for construction of sidewalks along State highways under certain circumstances.

Council looked with favor on a request from Washington Ear, Inc. for a contribution in the minimum amount of \$318 for the cost of one year's operating expenses and start-up cost for the operation of a closed circuit radio broadcast service to the Washington area blind, and will take up the matter at budget time. The amount of the contribution has been worked out based on the population of the various Washington Council of Government jurisdictions.

Trampoline Program

The council received a report (7-73) from PRAB regarding the city's trampoline program. Concern had been expressed regarding the safety aspects of the program. PRAB noted that the program has been in operation for over 10 years with no accidents. It said that the program "appears to be well-supervised and has adequate instructors". The Prince Georges school board is now reconsidering its reinstatement. The trampoline, the board said, is now being used in the rehabilitation programs for handicapped children.

PRAB concluded that the program should be continued but did make some suggestions. (1) the trampoline bed should be 7 ft. x 14 ft. minimum size for safety purposes; (2) council review the recruiting methods for instructors and supervisors and the guides for use of the trampolines; and (3) council review its liability limits.

City manager Jim Giese said that the size trampoline recommended would cost \$1,500 as against \$600 allowed in this year's budget for a smaller size. Council agreed to hold off a decision on this item until budget time.

Council Disappointed With League Policy

The Greenbelt city council recently questioned the policy of the Prince Georges County Boys and Girls Club that prohibited children from participating in both private leagues and the county leagues.

In a letter dated Jan. 3, Joseph W. Vernon, Executive Director of the county Boys and Girls Club told the city council that "In previous years when a child could play in two or more organized leagues quite often the teams had games scheduled at the same time and night. Therefore, it was not humanly possible to play in both games, and the child was put under pressure trying to decide which team he owed his or her allegiance to." Vernon felt that this was not only unfair to the child, "but also unfair to his team mates who depend upon him . . . and more children in the county can play basketball if they are permitted to play on only one organized team."

Mayor Richard Pilski expressed disappointment with the reply and council turned the matter over to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

On Feb. 4, PRAB chairman Joe Wilkinson informed council that the committee forwarded a letter to Vernon asking for more information concerning (1) date, supporting data, and origin of the county policy preventing a boy from participating on two different organized basketball teams and (2) reasons why basketball is the only sport covered by this policy.

In addition PRAB has requested a breakdown on the financing of the organization's operating expenses, insurance program fees, and equipment and uniform purchases, as regards the percentage of contributions made by individual clubs and the county organization. Wilkinson said that as soon as this information is received, PRAB will be in a position to formulate its recommendations to council.

Children's Film Program

In Sound and Sign - a series of story and film programs for children ages 6 and up, including the hearing-impaired, will be conducted at the Greenbelt Library Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A registered interpreter for the deaf will sign each program.

For more information on new library programs for hearing-impaired children, call 779-9330, extension 17.

Winter Swim Program

The second semester of the Winter Swim Program has resumed at its new facility. The program is available to adults as well as children. Interested individuals should contact Larry White 345-7488 or Mrs. Mary Moretti, 474-8105 for information concerning swimming time and fees.

Mayor on Energy Comm.

Mayor Richard R. Pilski has been appointed to serve on a special committee on energy established by the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (COG).

The committee will explore ways that area local governments can work together in dealing with the energy crisis, especially the heating fuel shortage.

Horseback Riding In Greenbelt Park

The Free State Riders Club announces that the National Park Service's Greenbelt Park will be open on February 17 and March 10 for horseback riding at 1 p.m. Riders should be fully tacked and ready to ride. Riding will be for a three hour period. Loop "B" should be used for trailers. There will be no rain dates.

The equestrian trails were being considered for transformation to bike trails but the Park and Planning Commission worked out an agreement with the Interior Department to keep the trails open.

SHL Cub Pack 1253

At the December 20 Pack Meeting of Pack 1253, the WEBELOS presented a Hannukah skit followed by the singing of carols. Several Cubs received awards. Rodney Latham and Lee Nigg received the Wolf Badge while David Dean was awarded his WEBELOS Sportsman Activity Badge. The awards ceremony was topped off by the award of the highest Cub Scout award, the arrow of light, which was awarded to "Junior" Holloman. Then, for the first time in a long time, a boy was graduated directly to the Scouts. Mel Baker, the Troop 1253 Scoutmaster, participated in this portion of the ceremonies by receiving "JR" Holloman into his troop, the one "JR" had picked.

The pack went on a VIP tour of the White House on Jan. 12. There was no Jan. pack meeting, nor will there be any in Feb. Instead the Annual Blue and Gold Banquet was held on Feb. 8 at the Springhill Lake Elementary School at 6 p.m.



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Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Twin Pines Endorsement

During the past year the Twin Pines Board of Directors has implemented a number of changes which were necessary to obtain STATE INSURANCE of your deposits in our co-operative organization. We support the incumbents, LATHOM and VANDERZON, to complete the needed organizational changes for continuing the insurance.

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